

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
[SERVICES A – OPERATIONAL MATTERS]**

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026

ITEM NO. 02

**IMPLEMENTATION OF FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES -
OLDTOWN AND BALLYBOUGHAL - AI106699**

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

“To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given for the implementation of long-term flood mitigation measures on Oldtown and Ballyboughal Main Street as two locations that have experienced significant flooding in recent times?”

Reply:

The months of January and February 2026 were exceptionally wet with both months ranking among the wettest on record for the region with 22 out of 31 days in January having recorded rainfall. Average rainfall was 113% of the norm making it the 17th wettest winter since records began.

There is no long-term flood mitigation measures for Oldtown and Ballybough main street, however, following the recent heavy rainfall each operational area is reviewing roads which did flood to see what works can be done to alleviate future flooding. There is an increased gully cleaning programme in place and gullies are checked and cleaned on a regular basis and in advance of weather warnings. Going forward operations will also be doing messaging on website and social media platforms reminding landowners of their statutory responsibility to ensure ditches on their lands are not closed over preventing water flowing from the road onto their lands.

Source of Reply: Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department.